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Honorable Allyne R. Ross United States District Judge Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Application granted. So sectored.

Re: United States v. Athos Gontijo Co. Coundel 02 Cr. 1055 (ARR)

Dear Judge Ross:

This letter is written to respectfully request that Mr. Gontijo be permitted to travel to Miami, Florida for an annual business trip from February 27 to March 4, 2006.

For background purposes, it may help the Court to know that Mr. Gontijo has been at liberty since his arrest on October 24, 2001 without incident. Moreover, Mr. Gontigo's pretrial reporting conditions were terminated due to his strict compliance. The government has no objection to the within request.

I thank Your Honor for her consideration in this matter.

Elizabeth E. Macedonio

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